

FIGHTING FOR FREE SILVER.

LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT PROMISE A LIVELY CAMPAIGN.

THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL CAPTURE THE NEXT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, AND HOPE TO ELECT A FREE COINAGE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

[BY TELEGRAM TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The silver people here have

for several weeks confidently predicted a reaction

of public sentiment in their favor, not only South

and West, but East. There are, they say, a num-

ber of circumstances worthy of remark which have

partly escaped general observation.

One of these is the almost settled conviction that Senator Black-

burn will be re-elected, no matter whether the State

tickets are successful or not. A second is the con-

vention that the prosperity of the country is de-

pendent on the remonetization of silver, as they

term the act of free coinage, and that the business

boom which set in recently is short-lived if real,

and illusory in any event. Prices, they declare,

have not generally risen, and will not generally rise.

Wages have not generally increased, and will not

generally increase. Their prediction is that there

will be another era of short commons and depres-

sion, followed by agitation for free silver, the suc-

cess of a free-coinage President and Congress crowning

the whole matter in triumph.

They point with pride to the defeat of Senator

Birch's friends in the primary elections in Ohio

preliminary to the Democratic State Convention, and

are disposed to claim a victory, even if Birch wins

subsequent primaries and actually controls the con-

vention so that silver is knocked out. They also

rejoice because Mr. Carr, of Durham, a wealthy

endower of colleges and aspirant for the Governor-

ship of North Carolina and a seat in the United

States Senate, has boldly come out for silver against

the apparent interests of his class.

The silver men deny that there is any loss of

numbers or prestige in the movement. To them all

things look rosy through the vista of their hopes

and desires. They will not admit that a single

Southern or Western State, except possibly Minne-

sota or Wisconsin, will be hostile to their pro-

gramme next year in the National Convention of

the Democratic party. Some of this confidence ra-

ises from the private consultations held at last

week's conference in this city. The plan of cam-

paign is only known to the public in some of its

superficial features. What the committee will do

when it is fully constituted is to be kept from the

public as far as possible. The purpose of the

leaders since the Memphis meeting has been to or-

ganize a body of workers in each State who shall

by persistent watchfulness, sagacity and energy

get control of and hold every State which has ever

been in the silver column. Further than this, the

State is not in this column, where there are germs

of silver sentiment, like New-York and Pennsyl-

vania, are to be thoroughly canvassed. To ac-

complish these things the National Committee of

our State and Territory will be made up as far as

possible of the best experts, and the campaign will

be the most approved political system known

in American politics.

The old Senators and their younger associates

on the committee consider that the National

Convention which have been near enough to

the houses of New-York and Maryland Democratic

Senators Harry of Tennessee, is our best hope

of political success.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, a younger man, has now stepped him-

self in the Washington political waters. Senator

Daniel of Virginia, has a ready pen and gift of

decided eloquence. Senator North Carolina

possesses great coolness of head and knowledge

of Southern character. They are all square-toe

shoe politicians, and their public acts are

sure to win back some of the latter in North

Carolina who have left the Democratic fold re-

cently.

The committees whom constituted purpose going

to work everywhere in full control of the Demo-

cratic party machinery. Night and day, through

a literary bureau at Washington and the instru-

ments of speech before the eyes of the National

Convention, to capture the majority of delegates.

They hardly expect two-thirds, but they reason

that divided numbers will give them the ratio

of two-thirds awaiting the action of foreign

Governments. It will all be done, if done at all, by

secret organization of the same kind as that em-

ployed by the big bosses when they start out to

try an election.

M.R. SCHWAB URGES CONSTANT WORK

OF THE PAST—ITS HOLD ON FARMERS

AND WORKMEN IN THE WEST

AND SOUTH.

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work of the Chamber of Commerce against the sil-

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